



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## *Environmental Permitting Fact Sheet*

### **General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use: Reauthorization Categories**

#### **Permit Overview**

This general permit was issued under the authority of, and administered by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Inland Water Resources Division. DEP uses both individual and general permits to regulate activities. Individual permits are issued directly to an applicant. General permits are issued to authorize similar activities by one or more applicants throughout a prescribed geographic area. Those wishing to have their particular activity authorized under an approved general permit must meet certain terms and conditions contained within the general permit. A general permit sets terms and conditions for conducting an activity which, when complied with, are protective of the environment. General permits are a faster and more cost-effective way to permit specific activities.

This general permit is intended for use by those needing to continue their existing coverage obtained under the *General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use* (DEP-IWRD-GP-001), expiring June 26, 2007. Eligible diversions include 1) Water Supply Interconnections, 2) Unregistered Water Supply Systems, 3) Diversion of up to 250,000 gpd New Water, 4) Backup Wells, 5) Small Water Supply System, and 6) Restoration of Lost Capacity. To be eligible for coverage under this general permit the requestor must demonstrate that the requested withdrawal is equal to or less than that previously approved. The requestor's environmental compliance history and any changes to the status of listed species in the vicinity of the withdrawal will also be considered upon receipt of the request for coverage.

#### **Authorizing Statutes**

This general permit is issued under the authority of sections 22a-6 and 22a-378a of the General Statutes.

#### **Application Process**

This is a "filing" type general permit. A diversion is authorized under this general permit upon receipt of a complete and sufficient *Request for Reauthorization* and appropriate fee. **In order to have continuity of coverage, permittees must submit a *Request for Reauthorization* form on or before June 26, 2007.** If the request is found to be complete and consistent with the general permit, the requestor will receive a brief notification of such finding. If the request is found to be incomplete or not consistent with the general permit, the requestor will receive a brief notification of such finding with instructions on how to remain in compliance with water diversion law.

#### **Application Fee**

A non-refundable fee of \$1000 is required with each request for authorization.

#### **Permit Duration**

This general permit is effective on March 15, 2007 and expires ten years from this date.

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This overview is designed to answer general questions and provide basic information. You should refer to the appropriate statutes and regulations for the specific regulatory language of the different permit programs. This document should not be relied upon to determine whether or not an environmental permit is required. It is *your* responsibility to ensure that all required permits have been obtained.